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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY BURMA WILL ADHERE TO NPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN MARCH 1977 (SEE REF B) A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT BURMA'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS NPT WAS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ON AN EARLIER OCCASION, THE SAME OFFICIAL HAD CITED LACK OF MUTUALITY OF OBLIGATIONS AND THE FACT THAT BURMA'S NEIGHBORS HAD NOT ADHERED TO NPT, AS THE MAIN REASONS UNDERLYING GUB'S POSITION (SEE REF C). WE THINK THE LATTER REASON, ESPECIALLY THE NON-ADHERENCE OF THE PRC, IS THE PRINCIPAL EXPLANATION FOR BURMA'S ATTITUDE. UNTIL THIS SITUATION CHANGES WE DOUBT THAT ANY STRATEGY WE MIGHT PURSUE TO WIN BURMA'S ADHERENCE WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, WE CAN CONTINUE, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, TO PROVIDE THE GUB WITH TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS AND OTHER BACKGROUND MATERIALS IN THE HOPE OF HAVING SOME LONG RANGE INFLUENCE ON THEIR THINKING. WE BELIEVE THE PUBLICATION

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CITED IN PARA 3 REF A WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS REGARD AND REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND US A COPY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE GUB.
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